their petition asking for the same, on or before the 6th day of January 1881.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

JAIL.

Ald. Murray, Chairman, presented his report.

1st. Your Committee beg leave to report that they have visited the Jail and the different wards of the prison, and found all clean and in good order, and the prisoners confined making no complaint whatever.

2nd. Your Committee would recommend to the County Council, the urgent necessity of providing the Jail with a supply of water from the city waterworks for the prevention of fire and all other necessary purposes.

3rd. That the Crown Attorney be requested to furnish this Council a return of County and City convictions from time to time when published.

4th. Your Committee found a number of indigent and infirm people confined in jail for no cause but age, want, and poverty, and would recommend such to be moved to the Strathroy House of Refuge as speedily as possible.

5th. Your Committee named a special Committee to visit the Jail and ascertain the former residence of certain indigent persons confined, with a view to getting the municipality to which they belong to support their own poor, and not be a further burden to this city.

6th. Your Committee would also recommend that the municipal act be so amended that the city would in some measure participate in the labour of the prisoners in breaking stones, or in other work that might occur during the year.

7th. Your Committee thinks it only fair as the city pays the largest share in jail expenses, that the County Council should notify your Committee to be present when awarding contracts for jail supply, and make any suggestions as they think proper.

8th. Your Committee visited Police Station; rooms clean and comfortable. Officer on duty made no complaint or suggestions of any kind.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Ald. Pritchard verbally reported that by the new arrangements for collecting taxes had resulted in the payment of $139,104.29 to date, leaving a surplus in the bank of over $16,000, the plan had worked very successfully, and while it would bear improvement in some respects, he believed it would be a great financial benefit to the city. At the 1st of January, 1880, the overdrawn bank account was over $108,000.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

Ald. Cowan moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the printing Committee be instructed to prepare a list of persons entitled to a copy of the consolidated by-laws of the city with a view to destribution, to report at next meeting. Carried.

Ald Buckle moved, seconded by Ald. Wyatt, that the City Clerk be requested to obtain from the City Solicitor, in writing, his opinion in reference to the powers of this Council to tax the income of Fire and Life Insurance Companies doing business in this city, and also in reference to the power of this Council to tax the plant of Telephone and Telegraph Companies. Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned for three weeks.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, 30th December, 1880.

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber at the usual hour, His Worship the Mayor presiding. Present—Alds. Pritchard, Muirhead, Meredith, Thompson, Cowan, Jones, Taylor, Hiscox, Milroy, Browne, Scarrow, and Wyatt.

MARKET.

Ald. Muirhead, Chairman, presented his report.

Your Committee would recommend that the tenders of F. Tepper, $4,100, for market fees be accepted, also the tender of Geo. Sanburn for Basement, $550, be accepted.

Sureties for F. Tepper, Market Clerk. James Dunn, Harness Maker, Market Square, City; Harry S. Woodward, Seed Store, Market Square, City.

Ald. Jones moved, seconded by Ald. Browne, that the report be received and adopted, and the sureties be approved by the Finance Committee and the City Solicitor. Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned.